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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed April September 28, 2001.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 13-16 and 23 without prejudice.

Please substitute amended claims 3-11 for pending claims 3-11. A version of the amended claims including markings to show the changes made is provided on a separate sheet.

3. (Amended) The kit of claim 18, wherein said enhancer is a chelating agent, an acid, or an alcohol.

4. (Amended) The kit of claim 3, wherein said chelating agent is ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid or salts thereof.

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